

REMARKS/ARGUMENT

Rejection under 35 USC §101

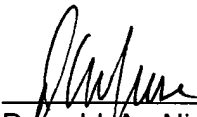
1. Claims 1, 4 and 25 are provisionally rejected under 25 USC §101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 1 and 4 of co-pending Application No. 10/141,906.
2. Claim 1 of co-pending Application No. 10/141,906 having been amended is no longer coextensive in scope with claims 1 and 25 of the instant Application. Therefore, Applicants request reconsideration and allowance of claims 1 and 25. Insofar as Claim 4, Applicants note that claim 4 in both applications is dependent from base Claim 1 and thus, stands or falls with base Claim 1.
3. Claims 2, 3, 12, 13, 16, 17 and 21 of the instant application are provisionally rejected under 35 USC §101 as being obvious over claims 2, 3, 17 and 18 of co-pending Application No. 10/141,906.
4. Claim 2 and 3 of the instant Application as well as claims 2 and 3 of Application No. 10/141,906 are dependent from base Claim 1 and thus, stand or fall with base Claim 1. Claim 1 of co-pending Application No. 10/141,906 having been amended is no longer coextensive in scope with claims 1 of co-pending Application No. 09/695,816.
5. Claims 17 and 18 have been cancelled from Application No. 10/141,906.
6. Based on the argument above, Applicants request reconsideration and allowance of rejected claims 1, 4 and 25 and 2, 3, 12, 13, 16, 17 and 21 of the instant application.

CONCLUSION

The rejection of claims 1-4, 12, 13, 16, 17, 21 and 25 under 35 USC §101 having been overcome, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection, and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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